



**U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Indian Affairs**



**CELEBRATES  
NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH 2017**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

November 2, 2017

**The History of the Kiowa Black Leggings Society**

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Room 1548, MIB

**RESUME AND INTERVIEW WORKSHOP**

November 7, 2017

**Eliminating Hiring Barriers through Resume Building**

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

John Muir Room, MIB

**Effective Interview Skills**

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

John Muir Room, MIB

**INDIAN TACO SALES**

November 7, 2017

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Bison Bistro, MIB

**ROC YOUR MOCS**

November 15, 2017

*Thank You for Attending Today's Celebration!*

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# **NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH 2017**



# **STANDING TOGETHER**



### **Keynote Speaker: Dr. Anton Treuer**

Dr. Anton Treuer (pronounced troy-er) is Professor of Ojibwe at Bemidji State University. He has a B.A. from Princeton University and a M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.

An internationally renowned expert on issues such as cultural and language preservation, Dr. Anton Treuer has written 14 books, is a regular presenter at conferences and workshops. His book,

*Ojibwe in Minnesota* was named Minnesota's Best Read by the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress in 2010. At BSU, he taught Ojibwe language courses and classes on Ojibwe culture, history and literature. Prior to joining the BSU faculty, Anton spent four years as an assistant professor of history at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

### **Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society:**

The Kiowa Tribe has had an elaborate warrior organization since before any recorded history of the tribe. The structure of the overall organization and the songs, dances, dress and ceremonies of each of the elements were



well established and carried on when first discovered by white explorers about 200 years ago. The Kiowa Warrior organization was known as "Yap-Pah-Hay" (warriors). Other plains tribes had similar organizations called "Dog Soldiers." The Kiowa warriors were the best "horse mounted force" in the Plains since the early 1700's. This applied to all warrior societies and to all members of the tribe. Historians have stated the Kiowa's had more horses per individual tribal member than any other tribe in the United States.

## **PROGRAM**

### **Master of Ceremony**

Mr. Clayton Old Elk

### **Blessing**

Mr. Erny Zah

*Director, Communications Media Affairs  
Navajo Transitional Energy Company*

### **Presentations of Colors**

Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society

### **Flag/Veteran Song**

Black Bear Drum Group

### **Welcome Remarks**

Mr. John Tahsuda, III, JD

*Acting Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs*

### **Keynote Speaker**

Dr. Anton Treuer

*Professor of Ojibwe at Bemidji State University*

### **Introduction of the Blackleggings Society**

Mr. Clayton Old Elk

### **Closing Remarks**

Mr. Bryan Rice

*Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs*

### **Closing Prayer**

Mr. Clayton Old Elk

### **Traveling Song**

Black Bear Drum Group

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